

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BUTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ALAN J. COOK,

Defendant.

CR 15–34–BU–DLC

ORDER

United States Magistrate Judge Jeremiah C. Lynch entered Findings and Recommendation in this matter on January 15, 2016. Neither party objected and therefore they are not entitled to *de novo* review of the record. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003).

This Court will review the Findings and Recommendation for clear error.

McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc., 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a “definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed.” *United States v. Syrax*, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000).

Judge Lynch recommended this Court accept Alan J. Cook’s guilty plea after Cook appeared before him pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure

11, and entered a plea of guilty to three counts of interstate communication of a threat, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 875(c) (Counts III, IV, and VI), as set forth in the Indictment. In exchange for Defendant's plea, the United States has agreed to dismiss Counts I, II, and V of the Indictment.

I find no clear error in Judge Lynch's Findings and Recommendation (Doc. 21), and I adopt them in full, including the recommendation to defer acceptance of the Plea Agreement until sentencing when the Court will have reviewed the Plea Agreement and Presentence Investigation Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Alan J. Cook's motion to change plea (Doc. 14) is GRANTED and Alan J. Cook is adjudged guilty as charged in Counts III, IV, and VI of the Indictment.

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2016.



Dana L. Christensen, Chief District Judge
United States District Court